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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File # 3-109

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Watts House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Off Old Field Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Watts

Telephone #: 398-6125

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Old Field Point Road Box 51

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21921

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 317

Folio #: 27

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS		
<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Watts House c. 1840-1860 is a 2 story brick structure located off Oldfield Point Road. A lane descends gradually towards the Elk River and the house is located on a **broad** open area with the water 100 ft. in front. The house naturally faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The main 2 story block is 3 bays across by 1 room deep and located on a slope so the basement is exposed on the east side. A single story shed addition is attached to the west side and seems to connect a square single story structure to the south of the main block. The structure only connects with the main block on the northeast corner. Both sections rest on a fieldstone foundation and are constructed of common bond brick with 3 course brick cornices. The main block has a low pitched tin roof while the separate square block has a pyramidal roof.

The east facade of the main block has an elevated central entrance with a four panel door and header brick lintel. Long 6/6 sash with beaded trim flank the center entrance. Two smaller 6/6 sash illuminate the second floor.

The south gable end has two small lights that flank the interior end stack. The cap was originally corbeled and it appears that it was recapped and corbelled back ~~on~~ to the width of the main stack. A simple barge board closes the end gable. The north end is similar except there is no stack and new openings allow for an air conditioner and first floor light.

The west side of the house is primarily covered with the stuccoed shed addition. Two 6/6 light illuminate the second floor and the brick cornice stretches across this side also. Attached to the southwest corner of the main house is the square pyramidal outbuilding. It is constructed in the same manner as the main block. An entrance is found on the western side and a long 6/6 sash on the eastern side. An interior end brick stack rises out of the south end. A small cellar entry is located below the eastern window.

The interior of this house was not seen but partial renovation has taken place especially in the main block.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Cecil County Committee

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

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STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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BALTIMORE 49 MI.  
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NORTH EAST 38 MI  
BACON HILL 1 MI.

1 SW  
EAST



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ELKTON  
QUAD.



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